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## Jobs Up in Eight Metros; Down in Six Areas

*Average Unemployment Rate in Illinois Metro Areas Higher than Midwest*

### Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	June 2016	June 2015	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	5.4%	5.0%	0.4
Carbondale-Marion	6.1%	6.1%	0.0
Champaign-Urbana	5.3%	5.4%	-0.1
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	6.2%	6.1%	0.1
Danville	7.1%	7.0%	0.1
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	5.6%	5.3%	0.3
Decatur	6.8%	7.1%	-0.3
Elgin	5.2%	5.5%	-0.3
Kankakee	6.1%	6.6%	-0.5
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	4.9%	5.1%	-0.2
Peoria	6.3%	6.2%	0.1
Rockford	6.3%	6.6%	-0.3
Springfield	4.7%	5.0%	-0.3
St. Louis (IL-Section)	5.7%	6.0%	-0.3
Illinois Statewide	6.0%	6.0%	0.0

\* Data subject to revision.

**CHICAGO**—Eight of Illinois' 14 metropolitan (metro) areas experienced decreases in their over-the-year unemployment rate and eight of the metro areas had increases in nonfarm jobs, according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES).

“One metropolitan area losing jobs is one too many,” said IDES Director Jeff Mays. “While we boost our efforts to help employers connect with qualified candidates, we also need effective policies in place to realize robust job growth in Illinois.”

Illinois businesses added jobs in eight metro areas, in which the largest increases were seen in: Lake-Kenosha (+2.4 percent, +10,000), Rockford (+2.0 percent, +3,100), and Springfield (+1.8 percent, +2,000). Total nonfarm jobs in the Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division increased (+1.2 percent or +43,700). Illinois businesses lost jobs in six metro areas including the Quad Cities (-2.9 percent, -5,500), Bloomington (-1.6 percent, -1,500), and Peoria (-1.3 percent, -2,400). The industry sectors recording job growth in the majority of metro areas were:

Education and Health Services (11 of 14), Leisure and Hospitality (11 of 14), Retail Trade (10 of 14), and Professional and Business Services (nine of 14).

Not seasonally adjusted data compares June 2016 with June 2015. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 6.0 percent in June 2016 and stood at 12.2 percent at its peak in this economic cycle in January 2010. Nationally, the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.1 percent in June 2016 and 10.6 percent in January 2010 at its peak. The unemployment rate identifies those who are out of work and looking for work, and is not tied to collecting unemployment insurance benefits.

### Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – June 2016

Metropolitan Area	June 2016*	June 2015**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	92,300	93,800	-1,500
Carbondale-Marion MSA	55,300	55,600	-300
Champaign-Urbana MSA	106,700	105,500	1,200
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,737,800	3,694,100	43,700
Danville MSA	29,500	29,400	100
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	181,400	186,900	-5,500
Decatur MSA	51,400	51,700	-300
Elgin Metro Division	262,900	258,400	4,500
Kankakee MSA	44,900	45,000	-100
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	425,200	415,200	10,000
Peoria MSA	178,400	180,800	-2,400
Rockford MSA	157,300	154,200	3,100
Springfield MSA	115,200	113,200	2,000
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	236,500	234,800	1,700
Illinois Statewide	6,056,300	6,016,600	39,700

\*Preliminary \*\*Revised

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**Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates  
(percent) for Local Counties and Areas**

	<b>June 2016</b>	<b>June 2015</b>	<b>Over- the-Year Change</b>
<b>Bloomington MSA</b>			
DeWitt County	5.4%	5.3%	0.1
McLean County	5.4%	5.0%	0.4
<b>Peoria MSA</b>			
Marshall County	5.9%	6.0%	-0.1
Peoria County	6.7%	6.7%	0.0
Stark County	6.7%	5.9%	0.8
Tazewell County	6.2%	5.9%	0.3
Woodford County	5.1%	4.6%	0.5
<b>Ottawa-Streator Area</b>	6.2%	6.4%	-0.2
Bureau County	5.8%	5.8%	0.0
LaSalle County	6.4%	6.6%	-0.2
Putnam County	5.3%	6.0%	-0.7
<b>Galesburg Area</b>	5.6%	5.7%	-0.1
Knox County	5.6%	5.7%	-0.1
Warren County	5.5%	5.2%	0.3
<b>Cities</b>			
Bloomington City	5.5%	5.1%	0.4
Galesburg City	6.1%	6.2%	-0.1
Normal City	5.6%	5.1%	0.5
Pekin City	7.3%	7.5%	-0.2
Peoria City	7.0%	6.9%	0.1
<b>Counties</b>			
Fulton County	7.2%	7.4%	-0.2
Henderson County	5.1%	5.2%	-0.1
Henry County	5.8%	5.7%	0.1
Livingston County	5.2%	5.3%	-0.1
Logan County	5.2%	5.4%	-0.2
Mason County	7.4%	7.1%	0.3

**Pontiac Area:** The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 5.2 percent in June 2016 from 5.3 percent in June 2015. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased by (+125). Manufacturing (+175) and Government (+50) had the largest increases while the Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (-50) sector had the largest decline from a year ago.

**Note:**

Monthly 2015 unemployment rates and total non-farm jobs for Illinois metro areas were revised in February and March 2016, as required by the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Comments and tables distributed for prior metro area news releases should be discarded as any records or historical analysis previously cited may no longer be valid.

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## Central Illinois Highlights

### Help Wanted

Area employers advertised for 8,400 positions in June and approximately 86 percent sought full-time employment, according to Help Wanted OnLine data compiled by the Conference Board, which is a global, independent business membership and research association. Employers actually need more workers than the help wanted advertising indicates because some industries, such as Construction, typically do not post advertised job openings.

**Bloomington MSA:** The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 5.4 percent in June 2016 from 5.0 percent in June 2015. There were an estimated 5,100 unemployed people in the labor force in June 2016.

Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment declined by (-1,500). Jobs gains were reported in Leisure and Hospitality (+600), Financial Activities (+400), Educational and Health Services (+200), Professional and Business Services (+100), and Other Services (+100). Declines were reported in Manufacturing (-1,300), Retail Trade (-600), Construction (-600), Government (-200), Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities (-100), and Wholesale Trade (-100). All other major industry sectors were little changed compared to a year ago.

**Peoria MSA:** The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased slightly to 6.3 percent in June 2016 from 6.2 percent in June 2015. There were an estimated 11,700 unemployed people in the labor force in June 2016.

Nonfarm payroll employment declined by (-2,400) compared to June 2015. Job gains were led by Leisure and Hospitality (+1,200), Retail Trade (+900), and Wholesale Trade (+100). Declining sectors were led by Manufacturing (-2,000), Professional and Business Services (-900), Educational and Health Services (-600), Government (-300), Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities (-300), and Construction (-300).

**Ottawa-Streator Area:** The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 6.2 percent in June 2016 from 6.4 percent in June 2015. The last time the June rate was equal to or lower than the current rate was in 2007 when it was 5.3 percent. Nonfarm payrolls held steady from a year ago. The largest gains occurred in Government (+75) and Construction (+75). The Education-Health Services (-150) and Manufacturing (-150) sectors had the largest employment declines over the year.

**Galesburg Area:** The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 5.6 percent in June 2016 from 5.7 percent in June 2015. Nonfarm payroll employment was (+300) higher than last year. Job Gains were led by Leisure and Hospitality (+100), Manufacturing (+75), and Other Services (+75). All other industry sectors were relatively stable compared to a year ago.